8. The Treaty provides, in case of urgency, for the provisional arrest of the person sought.

9. The Treaty in its other provisions also incorporates standard principles and procedures governing the law of extradition.

(b) There are some pending cases of extradition between India and Canada which each side is free to renew after the signing of the Indo-Canadian Extradition Treaty on 6th February, 1987.

(c) As stated above in (a), the Treaty is expected to deal with various kinds of offences that are punishable for more than one year under the laws of India and Canada and will not allow the offenders to take the plea of political crime in the case of serious offences such as murder, manslaughter, grievous bodily harm, offences against diplomats and other protected persons, safety of civil aviation and air travel.

Work on Ganga Action Plan

80. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on the Ganga Action Plan for cleaning up of the river has slowed down since last year; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what improvement will be made in the cleaning up process during the next two years and how much money has already been spent and during what period of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) There has been no slippage in the implementation of the programme. Several steps have been taken to expedite the pace of work such as the following :

(i) In the major implementing agencies of Jal Nigam in U.P., Bihar State Water & Sewage Board in Bihar and Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority in West Bengal separate units have been set up for handling schemes under the Ganga Action Plan.

(ii) Project Managers have been designated in Haridwar-Rishikesh, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Patna and Calcutta for coordinating the progress of work.

(iii) For schemes costing more than Rs. 50 lacs, detailed time schedules are prepared and monitoring of the work is being done directly by Ganga Project Directorate through its own consultants.

(iv) A separate project cell has been established at Varanasi for intensive monitoring and coordination of the work there.

(v) Review meetings are being held regularly with the State Governments and implementing agencies to monitor the progress of work.

During 1985-86 an amount of Rs. 6.06 crores and during 1986-87 till 31st January, 1987 an amount of Rs. 23.30 crores has been made available to the executing agencies for execution of the schemes.

Working of Handlooms in the country

81. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the date of enforcement of the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act;

(b) what is the number of persons challaned so far under the Act;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by Government to assess the impact of the Act on the working of the handlooms in the country; and

(d) if so, what shortcomings in the provision of the Act or the Rules framed thereunder have come to the notice of Government as deterrents to the effective implementation of the Act and realisation of the objectives of its enactment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act has come into force w.e.f. 31-3-1986.

(b) First Information Report in two cases has been filed with the Police for violation of Handloom Reservation Orders.

(c) and (d) Shortcomings have been found in the Rules framed under the Act on the procedure to be followed for testing of samples seized in cases where violation of Handloom Reservation Orders have been detected. Government proposes to rectify the short-coming through amendment of the Rules and issue of guidelines to the Testing Laboratories where the seized samples will be sent for testing.

The objective of the Act could not be realised so far because Powerloom/Mill owners have challenged the provisions of the Act in different High Courts of the country. The High Courts have given Interim-Stay to the implementation of the Act. While Central Government is taking necessary action to get the Stay Orders vacated, simultaneously action has been taken to get all the pending cases in different High Courts transferred to the Supreme Court of India so that an early verdict is obtained at one point.

Italian delegation's interest in Indian goods

82. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Italian delegation which visited India during the second week of December, 1986 has shown interest in the products of small scale industries; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No official business delegation from Italy visited India in the second week of December, 1986.

(b) Does not arise.

Islanders Employed in Union Territory Services of Lakshadweep

83. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not more than 45 per cent of the islanders are employed in the Union Territory services of Lakshadweep; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employment opportunities for Youth of Lakshadweep

84. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that frustration is developing among the youths of Lakshadweep as there is no scope of employment opportunities, and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improvement of transport and communication system of Lakshadweep

85. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the transport and communication systems of Lakshadweep Island need improvement; and